

Multi-dimensional Kernel smoothing:

$$\hat{\mu}(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p K\left(\frac{x_{0j} - x_{ij}}{h_j}\right)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^p K\left(\frac{x_{0j} - x_{kj}}{h_j}\right) \right)} \right)$$

- As $n \rightarrow \infty$ for kernel regression, with the optimal bandwidth, the bias and variance of the model approach 0

$$MSE = \sigma^2 + O(h_{opt}^4) = \sigma^2 + O(n^{-\frac{4}{4+p}})$$

- Kernel regression converges slowly
- KNN, splines, trees, random forests, deep neural nets all are universally consistent, but all of these converge to μ at the same rate (called mini-max rate)

Additive Model

$$Y = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^p f_i(x_i) + \epsilon \quad \text{(each } x_i \text{ gets its own function)}$$

- f_i are called partial response functions

How to Fit:

$$f_j(x_j) + \epsilon = Y - \left(\alpha + \sum_{k \neq j} f_k(x_k) \right)$$

1. start with $\alpha = \bar{y}$, $f_1 = f_2 = \dots = f_p = 0$

2. For $j \in 1:p$

a) get residual for $y_i - (\alpha + \sum_{k \neq j} f_k(x_k))$

b) use linear smoother to regress on residuals (say we get function s_j)

c) $f_j = s_j - \bar{s}_j$

3. repeat loop until things stop changing

Spline:

$$S_\lambda = \arg \min_m \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - m(x_i))^2 + \lambda \int \left(\frac{d^2 m}{dx^2}(x) \right)^2 dx$$

• computationally faster to fit spline than kernel

Hypothesis Testing with MSE

• Suppose we want to test if $\mu(x)$ is a linear function
 $H_0: \mu(x)$ is a linear function $H_a: \mu(x)$ is not linear

Test statistic: $D = \text{difference in MSE}$

- If linear model is right it will predict at least as well as with non-parametric model
- If linear model is wrong, eventually non-parametric model will beat linear model